



Austin City Council MINUTES

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - MARCH 19, 1991
10:00 A.M. TOWN LAKE CENTER**

Mayor Cooke called to order the special called meeting of the Council, noting the presence of all members of the Council. The Mayor announced the purpose of the meeting was to hold a Water Quality Worksession.

Subjects of discussion during the worksession were 1. Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance; 2. Urban Watersheds Ordinance; and 3. Proposed State Legislation pertaining to water quality.

Austan Librach, Director, Environmental Department, discussed the Urban Watershed Ordinance and the Barton Springs Ordinance and illustrated with charts and maps. Regulatory issues were discussed as well as a question concerning fiscal impact of the Urban Watershed Ordinance. In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Librach said additional staff will probably be needed by his department to enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Librach proposed a four part control:

1. Limit pre and post development loads.
2. Link impervious cover to effectiveness of control cover.
3. Clarify and strengthen the existing ordinance.
4. Establish a retrofit program and bring it under CIP funds.

Mr. Librach concluded his presentation with the question, "Where do we go from here?" concerning timeline, retrofit program, Barton Creek study and model, and legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.